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4 February 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

ATTENTION :

CIA

SUBJECT :

Proposed Elimination of ARGON as a Project Indicator

1. Reference is made to our conversations during a meeting in your office on 25 January 1963 wherein the problem of eliminating to the extent feasible special project holddown indicators was discussed.

2. As I indicated during referenced discussions, I felt quite certain that there would be no objection on the part of OSA operational people to the immediate consolidation of ARGON with CORONA. I have since taken the initiative to confirm my opinion in this regard and have secured the concurrence of this Office in our taking immediate action to discontinue the use of ARGON. I also mentioned this proposal, in passing, to Colonel Ed Giller, Deputy DD/R, and he agreed with the soundness of the approach.

3. I have attached a proposed issuance which would effectuate the recommendation that ARGON be consolidated with CORONA

4. I have also attached a copy of my memorandum to the Deputy Assistant Director/OSA wherein he has indicated his concurrence in the proposal.

5. It is suggested that this matter be coordinated with the NRO and the proposed issuance be released. I would suggest that coincident with the release of the proposed issuance new CORONA briefing brochures be distributed. We would be glad to work with in the revision of the CORONA briefing brochure.

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6. I realize that the suggestion may well be made that it might be more desirable to hold off on the elimination of ARGON until coordination is obtained on the proposal to also include [Redacted] in one consolidated CORONA-type approval. I would suggest, however, that a more tidy approach would be to take immediate action to eliminate ARGON and then we can address ourselves to the more complicated problems involved in endeavoring to further expand the CORONA umbrella to house other similar programs.

7. I would appreciate your reaction to the above.

SIGNED

[Redacted]
Chief, Security Branch
OSA

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Attachments:
Proposed Issuance
Memorandum

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